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Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with the
Methionine Synthesis and
Degradation Pathways

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RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2001, (Paper No. 13), Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the title:

Please cancel the title and replace it with the following:

Nucleic Acid Molecules Associated with the Methionine Degradation Pathway

In the specification:

On page 17 of the specification, please delete the second paragraph beginning with "Similarity analysis includes," and replace it with the following amended paragraph:

Similarity analysis includes database search and alignment. Examples of public databases include the DNA Database of Japan (DDBJ) (www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp); Genebank (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Web/Search/Index.html); and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory Nucleic Acid Sequence Database (EMBL) (www.ebi.ac.uk/ebi_docs/embl_db/embl-